

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Authorize work to begin to convert the manual winch system in the HSS Performing Arts Theatre to an electrical system (to be paid for by the HSS Foundation) and approve the HSS Foundation's request that this contribution

be considered half of the \$150,000 fiscal year 2003-4 regular donation.

MEETING DATE:

October 16, 2002

PREPARED BY:

Charlene J. Lange, Community Center Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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the \$150,000 fiscal year 2003-4 regular donation. Bids have been received by the Foundation for the retrofit of eight lines at a cost of \$80,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As part of the value engineering plan during the initial construction of the performing arts and conference center in 1998, the recommendation was to downgrade and modify the theatre winches from electric to rotary to save dollars. The intent

was to work with the lesser system until monies and needs made it a priority.

We are at that crossroads. Our arts programs are blossoming with the Lodi Theatre for Youth and Childrens' Summer Theatre which cater to children and youth learning not only acting techniques, but the business of the theatre.

In an attempt to continue bringing in world class shows to our local venue, the electrical winches will allow multiple sets to fly during performances quickly and silently. The rotary winches are a ratchet system and the manual roll-up is labor intensive, exhausting and noisy.

The Foundation cancelled the Broadway musical performance of Chicago last spring because we could not meet the producer's needs to fly sets between acts.

FUNDING:

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Center Director

CJL/gcr

City Manager City Attorney

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING WORK TO CONVERT THE MANUAL WINCH SYSTEM IN THE HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE PERFORMING ARTS THEATER TO AN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, AND FURTHER APPROVING THE HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE FOUNDATION'S REQUEST FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION TO BE CONSIDERED HALF OF THE 2003-04 REGULAR DONATION

WHEREAS, during the construction of the Performing Arts and Conference Center at Hutchins Street Square, the theater winches were downgraded and modified from electric to rotary to save dollars; and

WHEREAS, the intent being to work with the lesser system until monies and needs made it a priority; and

WHEREAS, with the arts programs continuing to grow and expand, and the ongoing endeavors to bring world class shows to our local venue, the electrical winches will allow multiple sets to fly during performances quickly and silently. The rotary winches are a ratchet system and the manual roll-up is labor intensive, exhausting and noisy; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has received bids for the retrofit of eight lines at a cost of \$80.000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the work to convert the manual winch system in the HSS Performing Arts Theater to an electrical system (which will be paid for by the HSS Foundation); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby accepts this contribution as half of the \$150,000.00 fiscal year 2003-04 regular donation.

Dated: October 16, 2002

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-209 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held October 16, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hitchcock, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor

Pennino

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS – Howard

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON City Clerk

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